

**META- APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE FOR
INTEGRATING PHOTO-SERVICE WEBSITES
FOR BROWSER-ENABLED DEVICES**

5 **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

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The present invention is related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 09/698,777, entitled "Meta-Application Architecture For Integrating Photo-Service Websites," filed on October 27, 2000, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and hereby incorporated by reference. ^{now US Pat. 6,453,361}

10 **FIELD OF INVENTION**

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The present invention relates to manipulating digital images over the Internet, and more particularly to providing an architecture for integrating photo-service-based websites for access by client devices.

BACKGROUND

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As the popularity of digital cameras grows, the desire of digital camera users to share their images with others will also continue to grow. The best approaches to photo-sharing take advantage of the Internet. Several Internet companies now offer an even more convenient approach by providing photo-sharing websites that allow users to store their images for free and to arrange the images into web-based photo albums. Once posted on a photo-sharing website, others may view the images over the Internet.

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The assignee of the present invention has developed a system for uploading images to the Internet, directly from the camera, as described in: U.S. Pat.